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Box No. I Basis of the report

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2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-19 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 2, 3 as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- sheets 1-6 as originally filed/furnished
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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-3</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-3</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-3</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
Reference is made to the following document:			
D1: US-B1-6 508 225 (HIKI KEIICHI) 21 January 2003 (2003-01-21)			
1.1	<p>D1 describes (cf. column 12, line 5 to column 13, line 47, figures 1 to 5) a direct injection two-stroke engine that includes a combustion chamber (248) delimited by a cylinder (111), which has a longitudinal axis (243) and is provided with at least one inlet port (246) and at least one exhaust port (244); a piston (252) that has a substantially planar base (254) and is moved along the longitudinal axis (243) by a connecting rod coupled to a crankshaft; a cylinder head (112) provided with a spark plug (238) and an injector (162) capable of spraying a jet of pressurised liquid fuel into the combustion chamber (248) along a spraying axis such that the fuel jet has a spray angle between 15 ° and 75 ° (45 ° and 70 °); wherein the combustion chamber (248) has a first diametrical plane that includes the longitudinal axis (243) of the cylinder (11) and is centred on the exhaust port (244), and a second diametrical plane perpendicular to said first diametrical plane; the spark plug (238) is located in a</p>		

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	<p>first portion of the cylinder head (112) that extends from the second diametrical plane towards the inlet port (246); the injector (162) is mounted in a bore of the cylinder head oriented according to an axis and located on the first diametrical plane on a second portion of the cylinder head (112) complementary to the first portion; and the spray angle forms a first angle measured relative to a transverse plane of the cylinder, which is between 30 ° and 70 ° (implicit; cf. figure 5), and a second angle measured relative to the first diametrical plane, which is between + 45 ° and - 45 ° (0 °).</p> <p>1.2 The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from this known engine in that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the cubic capacity of the engine does not exceed 125 cm³;- the spray axis forms a non-zero angle with said axis of the cylinder head bore:- a control device is provided for controlling the start of fuel injection when the crankshaft is in an angular position between 45 ° and 20 ° before the angular position in which the exhaust port is closed;- the fuel injection pressure and the orientation of the spray axis are determined according to the circulation of the gases in the combustion chamber so as to obtain a substantially stoichiometric mixture in the region of the spark plug when ignition takes place. <p>The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT</p>

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	<p data-bbox="412 348 1492 388">Article 33(2)).</p> <p data-bbox="412 451 1492 682">1.3 The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can be considered to be that of reducing the fuel consumption and the emission of pollutants of existing two-stroke engines while retaining the structure thereof.</p> <p data-bbox="412 745 1492 976">1.4 The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) since no prior art document proposes the use of the special features of claim 1 for the same purpose.</p> <p data-bbox="412 1039 1492 1176">1.5 Claims 2 and 3 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also comply, as such, with the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step.</p>